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1. Some of the machinery transported out of Canton to such places as Loch'ang (113-20, 25-08), Liuchow (109-16, 24-18) and Hengyang in May was returned by the end of July. It has been set up, among other places, near the North Station, and production has already been started.*
2. TUC Chan-ming (鄧展明), formerly chairman of the Publishing Workers' Union in Hong Kong, was commissioned by the Communist authorities in Canton to take over the Publishing Workers' Union in that city. He immediately ordered the arrest of HSIEN Chen-y'ing (洗鎮萍) formerly of the Board of Supervisors of the Canton Union, who has now nearly completed a six-months' indoctrination detention.
3. LI Tse-hsien (李德軒), a one-time labor leader of Canton is being held by the Communist authorities; his family and friends are not permitted to visit him. The Communist authorities have also arrested CHUNG Hua-hsiung (張華熊), LIANG Piao-lung (梁彪龍) and over eighty other labor workers.
4. The 300 laborers at the White Cloud Airfield, Canton, earn less than four pounds of rice a day. These laborers are recruited from the small number of the unemployed of Canton who have registered under the work-relief project of the city authorities.
5. In Canton workers wages have been steadily reduced. Public utilities workers are better paid than others; they receive about 300 pounds of rice a month. Other workers receive about 240 pounds of rice a month and work about 12 hours a day. Wages have been reduced by calling for voluntary reductions at workers' meetings. Laborers on the Canton-Kowloon Railroad have had their wages reduced by one-half; they have also had their working day increased by two-hours.

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